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Hongkong, 30th November, 1897.

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T. JACKSON,  
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Hongkong, 20th May, 1898.

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obtained on application.

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Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

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ACCOUNT at the rate of a per cent.  
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T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
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Hongkong, 24th May, 1898.

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FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS  
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For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent,

Hongkong, 24th June, 1898.

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Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS,  
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.  
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THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY  
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with safety have been adopted.  
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Apply to  
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1898.

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The Undersigned AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept FIRST  
CLASS FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES.  
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Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
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World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1897.

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NOTICE.

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LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

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MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 24th May, 1898.

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Notice of Firm.

CHINA TRADERS INSURANCE CO.,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED CHARGE  
of the Company's business.  
W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1898.

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NOTICE.

I SAY! HERE'S SOMETHING GOOD.

THE OLD MAN'S ON DECK AGAIN

AT  
THOMAS'S GRILL ROOMS.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THIS

TARIFF?—

BREAKFAST \$0.55  
TIPPIN 0.75  
DINNER 1.00  
3 MEALS DAILY (Monthly Rate) 4.00

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TIPPIN 15.00  
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TIPPIN & DINNER 30.00

BREAKFAST & DINNER 25.00

BREAKFAST & DINNER 28.00

BEST OF VIANDS SERVED IN THE  
BEST OF STYLES.  
J. E. GOODCHILD,  
Manager.

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WINDSOR HOTEL,  
HONGKONG.

THE ESTABLISHMENT, situated in a  
elegant Building, known as "CON-  
NAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accom-  
modation to Residents and Travellers.

Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to  
each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant,  
Favourable Arrangements made for Families  
and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

BILLIARDS.

F. BOHM,  
Proprietor & Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1898.

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THE KOWLOON HOTEL is now refitted  
and reopened as a thoroughly HIGH-  
CLASS HOTEL, with everything of the very  
best, Splendid Suburban Situation, Unrivalled in  
the Colony. Cuisine a Specialty: none to  
compare. Liquors of carefully selected quality  
Billiard-tables and Bowling-alley excellent.

J. W. OSBORNE,  
Proprietor.

April 2nd, 1898.

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TO LET.

GODOWN in BLUE BUILDINGS.

FLOORS in STAUNTON and ELGIN  
STREETS.

"MAYTOR" — Newly erected 5 roomed  
bungalow at the Peak.

Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT  
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Hongkong, 31st May, 1898.

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TO LET.

THREE ROOMS on 2ND FLOOR No. 8,  
Queen's Road Central, Suitable for  
OFFICE, Rent Moderate.

Apply to

Mr. SUI SANG,  
On the premises.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1898.

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No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

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Today's  
Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship.

"CENTAUR."

Captain Bannatyne, will be despatched TO-  
MORROW, the 25th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1898. [782]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship.

"ORESTES."

Captain Fulford, will be despatched as above  
on TUESDAY, the 28th instant.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1898. [783]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO  
YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.  
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship.

"HOHENZOLLERN."

Captain H. Bleeker, will leave for the above Ports  
on or about WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant.

For further Particulars apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1898. [783]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.  
THE Company's Steamship.

"BAVIER."

Captain E. Pfeifer, due here with the outward  
German Mail about the 28th instant, will leave  
for the above place about 24 hours after arrival.  
For further Particulars apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1898. [783]

FOR COLOMBO, SINGAPORE, HAVRE  
AND HAMBURG.

(Calling at NALAS if sufficient inducement  
offers).

(Taking cargo at through rates to ANTWERP,  
AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO,  
LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

THE Steamship

"DELLA."

Captain E. Christensen, will be despatched for  
the above Ports on or about the 5th July.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation  
for First and Second Class Passengers and carries  
a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEGMESSEN & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1898. [783]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship.

"PRIAM."

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above  
on MONDAY, the 1st July.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1898. [783]

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We have it on the authority of Mr. W. S. GILBERT that "a policeman's life is not a happy one," and although the original remark was applied to the British policeman, and a sterner one at that, yet it is equally applicable to our local guardians of the peace, and more particularly so in the present miserably wet weather. At home and in other British Colonies the police are supplied with waterproof capes and leggings as well, and, in England at all events, they have not the heavy tropical rains to contend with as we have here. In Hongkong, however, the police are apparently considered to be waterproof themselves, for they are only supplied with ordinary cloth capes which are thoroughly saturated by every passing shower, while, as no leggings are supplied to them, the drippings from the sodden capes soon transform their boots into miniature watertanks, and in these wet and uncomfortable garments our police frequently have to spend several hours.

Intimation.



A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

MANUFACTURERS OF  
AERATED WATERS.

AERATED WATERS of our manufacture are sold throughout the Far East and are invariably preferred on account of their excellence.

ABSOLUTE PURITY is guaranteed. The best materials only are used.

THE PRICES are only half those charged in England.

WATERS MANUFACTURED BY US are acknowledged by the leading English makers to be equal to those of their own production.

SIR EDWARD FRANKLAND, K.O.B., D.C.L., F.R.S., F.C.S., &c. the greatest living authority on Water, reports as follows on the water as prepared and used by us in our manufacture:

"It possesses an extremely high degree of organic purity and is of most excellent quality for drinking."

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1898. [7]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1898.

THE PLAGUE.

During the 24 hours up to noon, 24th June, 1 new case and 2 deaths from plague were reported, making the total since 1st January (175 days) 1,295 cases and 1,142 deaths.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The theft of a piece of sandal wood value eighty cents, cost a coolie to-day fourteen days' hard labour.

BEFORE he left Peking H. R. H. Prince Henry handed the Chinese Emperor the order of the Black Eagle.

A CHINAMAN who probably thought the Botanical Gardens was the famed Garden of Eden was to-day fined \$3 or fourteen days for walking in the place improperly clothed.

THE Manila man charged with unlawfully entering the residence of Dr. On Lee, Ripon Terrace, was to-day fined \$10 or fourteen days for disorderly conduct, no burglarious intent being shown.

AN Imperial decree, dated the 17th instant, appoints Hsu Shu-ning, Vice-President of the Court of Consuls, to the Vice-Presidency of the Board of Revenue vacated by the dismissal of Wang Tung-ho.

A FACTORY for preserving pineapples for the European market, says the *Pinang Gazette*, has recently been started in Bukit M' Janam. It is owned by some local Chinese lowkays, and turns out 800 lbs. a day.

IN the Police Court to-day, Thomas Bradshaw, K. O. R. was fined thirty-five cents for damaging furniture in a ricksha coolie's house at Kowloon, and for being drunk and disorderly he was fined \$5 or fourteen days.

YU-KENG, Chinese Minister to Japan, being about to return home next month on the expiration of his term of office, Yang I-chih, a member of the Tsung-ki Yamén, will likely be appointed to succeed him at the Court of the Mikado.

P.C. PYNE had three boatwomen up to-day at the Magistracy for neglecting to exhibit lights on their boats when off Pudding's Wharf at 8.30 p.m. yesterday. This is an extremely dangerous practice and the culprits were to-day fined \$1 each, in default for ten days.

A CHINAMAN who went to collect a debt at Tsim-tsa-tsu basged his creditor on the head with an earthenware pillow when they were on a bed together. A fine of \$10 or one month was imposed and he had also to pay \$7 compensation or go "in" for fourteen days.

A BOILER maker's coolie who struck a comrade on the head with a hammer was charged with assault at the Magistracy to-day. The complainant is just out of Hospital. Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour and Capt. Hastings said that it was lucky complainant had a thick skull or defendant would probably have been hanged.

A CHINAMAN boatwoman charged with stealing four cases of fire crackers from a P. & O. boat was to-day fined \$25. Mr. Melbourne appeared for the defence. Defendant was taking the stuff from the ship to shore and the cases were found hidden in her boat. It is reported that the P. & O. ship suffer very heavy losses through such thefts. P.C. Pyne prosecuted.

THE Band of the K. O. L. Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:

Grand March..... C. D. Biske  
Overture..... Military..... E. German  
Selection..... The Nauh Gui..... E. German  
Valse..... Fiddle and I..... Otto Roeder  
Seconde..... Before Her Window..... W. Nahl  
Selection..... H. M. S. Mansfield..... A. Fullerton  
God Save the Queen.

THE Russian Government, acting in the name of the Russian Volunteer Fleet Committee, will next year station permanently at Vladivostock or Port Arthur two cruisers, which are to be devoted to commercial purposes in time of peace. These vessels are to form the beginning of a large fleet of such cruisers which the Russian Government intends to maintain in those waters. The number is to be increased to six the year after next, and will be considerably augmented.

MESSES. CARLOWIZ & CO., agents for the Hamburg-American Line, inform us, that they have before called the attention of the H.A.L. saying, that the steamers the company bought of the Kingin-Lino will be rechristened as follows:

Wally to Silesia  
Ceres to Suevia  
Hestha to Siberia  
Gerda to Savia  
Era to Servia  
Kriemhild to Savoia

A GHASTLY tale of the sea comes from Taku.

A junk (Nigger or Amoy) outside the bar laden with *timshu* rolled and pitched so

violently in the heavy weather recently that

some of the crew got lost while the sailors

were trying to fix things up, the *Chenchen* or

skipper lighted some joss paper, this fired the

spitit and an awful scene ensued. They cut the

cable and tried to drift alongside of a sailing

ship hard by so as to have at least one chance

for their lives; they actually did come near,

and the few who remained on board made de-

perate attempts to leap the gap but failed.

There was a great sea running and death was

inevitable to any one once in it. Twenty-eight

coolies perished miserably just under the eyes of

the sailing ship people who were unable to help

in any way. Such is the bare outline of the

tragedy.

THE ADVANCE ON KHARTOUM.

General Sir H. H. Kitchener and most of his

officers have started for the front.

A NUMBER of opium defaulters were to-day mulcted in penalties of \$5. each, the amounts of the drug seized being small.

AN AMERICAN undertaker conducts what he calls wheel funerals for departed cyclists. The cycle bier is propelled by eight wheelmen, followed by cycle carriages for the aged, the rest being brought up by friends on their wheels.

ALL traders and merchants in the chief towns in India closed at noon on the 26th May, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Gladstone. At the Armenian Church at Rangoon, a mass was said for the repose of the soul of the deceased statesman.

AS the home demand for Chinese labour increases, so does the want of it in Sumatra become more manifest. The Deli Planters' Association are deplored this state of things, but can think of no remedy likely to meet the present case.

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such a fashion that he believed he was about to be attacked, and in an unreasoning impulse fired the shot. Counsel thought it probable that if they were not able to find a verdict for the prisoner on the first point, they would find a verdict for him on the second point, that is whether it was in fact wilful, premeditated murder or whether it was the result of actual provocation by belief to his mind that he was to be attacked by Mr. de Jesus. If they found that he was insane there would be an end of the case and they would have to find a verdict of "not guilty" on the ground of insanity.

Mr. Francis concluded at 1 o'clock when the Court adjourned till 2.15 p.m.

When the Court resumed the Attorney-General addressed the jury. He said he thought the defence very plausible, but the case was a very simple one and was an ordinary case of murder. He pointed out that a verdict must be unanimous. That is, guilty or not guilty. As to manslaughter there was nothing whatever to justify it. He submitted that there was no evidence whatever of doleration. This was a case of simple murder and he submitted that the defence had entirely failed. In conclusion the Attorney-General said that in spite of the eloquence and ability of his learned friend this was only an ordinary case of murder, the jealousy of a young man of a girl whom he had corrupted.

The Attorney-General concluded at 3 p.m. when.

The Chief Justice summed up. His Lordship said he could not help thinking that the two defences were not quite consistent with one another and he proposed dealing with them separately. His Lordship pointed out to the jury the law in the case. The evidence for the defence might be considered remarkable for what it did not contain, it did not contain evidence of medical men.

His Lordship went through the facts of the case at great length and concluded his summing up at 5.15 when the jury retired to consider their verdict.

#### THE VERDICT.

The jury returned in about six minutes with the unanimous verdict of "Guilty."

In answer to His Lordship as to why sentence of death should not be passed, the prisoner, (who was weeping bitterly) through the interpreter said:—

I asked my friends to accompany me to the house of my sister. The old woman, and the lady's daughter would not allow her.

The Chief Justice:—Explain to him we do not want an account of what happened. Has he got anything to say why sentence should not be passed.

Prisoner:—I wished to say so that the public may hear me.

The Chief Justice:—Have you got anything to say why sentence should not be passed.

Prisoner:—I am not guilty. If I had killed him I did not know how it was, I have lost my mind and I lost my head at the time the firearm was fired. Nothing else I can say, otherwise it will break the hearts of all here.

#### SENTENCE OF DEATH.

The Chief Justice then assumed the black cap and said:—Jed da Maita Osorio, you have been found guilty, on what I take to be very clear evidence of the affair with which you are charged. You have had a long and careful trial with a full and able defence by your learned counsel. I am not going to make remarks on your crime because I do not wish to give you more pain. I will only beg you to endeavour by expiation to make your peace. (Prisoner:—I need not, because my conscience is free.) The sentence of the Court is that you will be taken to a place where you will be detained and then to the place of execution, and that you be there hanged by the neck until you be dead, and that your body be buried in such a place as His Excellency the Governor so orders, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul!

His Lordship thanked the jury who he said would be exempt from serving for nine months if they wished.

The prisoner was then removed and taken to the Gaol in a chair under guard.

#### THE WAR.

(News by the Australian Mail)  
(By Cable.)

LONDON, June 1st. President McKinley has been reviewing at Tampico the American troops for the Cuban campaign.

Mr. Alger, the American Minister for War, has informed the Commander-in-chief, General Miles, that the preparations for invading Cuba are yet incomplete, but the Government were expediting the necessary equipment for the troops.

A large percentage of the volunteers have no guns and many have no uniform.

The weather has been very bad in Cuba recently, and it has been raining in torrents, causing violent yellow fever.

It is estimated that the war has already cost America \$12 million dollars.

The British collier *Restorwold* was captured by the Americans while entering Santiago Harbour. The British Consul at Key West has protested against the vessel's detention, owing to Santiago being outside the limits of the proclaimed blockade.

Mr. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the *Times*, denies authoritatively that any negotiations have been made for an Anglo-American alliance, and he also says that there is nothing beyond the remarkable spontaneous and favourable manifestations on the part of the peoples and Press of both nations.

The Spanish barque *Marta Dolores* has been captured at Porto Rico.

Accounts of the fighting at Santiago show that the Americans had twenty ships under Sampson and Schley engaged, but the Navy Department at Washington discredits the reports.

June 7th.

Five thousand American troops and several large guns have been landed in Cuba, and this force has been joined by 3000 Cuban rebels under General Garcia.

June 9th.

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#### LOSS OF THE "FOOCHI."

One of our native contemporaries gives some particulars of the wreck of the Chinese cruiser which was called the *Foochi*, left Chefoo for Port Arthur at daylight on the 8th inst. She had a crew of 140 and about a dozen passengers. A heavy storm and a dense fog came on in the course of the day, and when the vessel arrived off the port about 4 p.m. she let go her anchor, because, since Port Arthur was leased to the Russians, no Chinese ship had been allowed to enter without obtaining the special permission of the Manchurian authorities. The day having been overcast the ship apparently was not perceived from the shore. At any rate her captain could obtain no communication with the land, and the harbour officials did not come near her. In fact could not come near her, as they usually do. Under these circumstances the captain was afraid to go inside and decided to remain where he was outside the entrance to the harbour under reduced steam. The storm increased towards night, and the vessel was carried over opposite the Lao-tai hill, where she went ashore on the morning of the 9th, and immediately split up into three pieces. The Russians were not able to render any assistance on account of the heavy weather, and all on board were drowned with the exception of four persons. The occurrence is a melancholy commentary on the stringency of the Russian administration in their new acquisition.—*China Gazette*.

#### TAI-EN-WAN.

The following interesting notes are from a private letter just received in Shanghai:—

"This port (Talienwan) will not be opened to foreigners for three years. The harbour is to be dredged to the depth of 16 feet and is to cost £6,000,000 sterling. There is to be a breakwater in the harbour, and landing stages which will cost £1,400,000. On the north part of the harbour the stages will be for the use of Chinese and the south for foreigners only. . . . All lands about Talienwan and Port Arthur are being bought up by Russia, value as per title-deeds, and sale is made compulsory."

"*Russo-Chinese Railway.*—From what I can find out the Chinese will build a line from Talienwan to Taliwan, and also branch off to Mukden and Kien from Newchwang. This line is, I believe, wholly in the hands of the Russians, and it is they who supply all the money."—*N. C. Daily News.*"

#### A CUBAN TALE.

Two Cubans are now in Java, whilst they had come on matters connected with sugar-growing. They had much to say of Spanish cruelty in their native land. They told, for instance, of how, in the previous insurrection, some Spanish soldiers saw scratched with a diamond, on the pane of a window in a school, words inscribed to Spain. They asked for the name of the writer. None of the boys in the school would tell. The Spaniards then took and shot twenty of the oldest boys in the school—aged from 17 to 18 years. Among them was the son of the richest Springfield in Santiago de Cuba—a loyalist to the core. To save his son, this Spaniard offered to the Government the lady's weight in gold. Then he offered one million of dollars—but all in vain. All the other scholars, 50 to 60 in number, were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, says the *Locomotief*.

#### THE ACHEEN WAR.

##### OPERATORS IN PEDIR.

##### ACHINESE REVERSES.

On the 15th June, the Dutch troops operating advanced to Beurennoen, with the loss of one trooper killed, and three privates wounded. At Benennoen, the Dutch forces were received by Bintara Kiemangam, a prominent Pedir chief.

On the 14th, the troops advanced to Chat Moerong.

That same morning, Umar, the principal commander of the Achinees, had fled in the direction of Mamphie.

The troops, however, had an encounter with the rest of Umar's bands, close to Gileh Tiblah.

On the same day, the Dutch forces marched by way of Treseng Padang and Kemala Nichef to Kemala Rajah, where the titular Sultan of Achene holds his court.

The enemy were driven out of the hilly country to the left of Kemala Rajah.

The Achinees left twenty dead behind. The Dutch loss was four wounded.

On the 15th, the Dutch continued advancing and reached Koto Mekarauem.

THE WAR.

(News by the Australian Mail)  
(By Cable.)

LONDON, June 1st. President McKinley has been reviewing at Tampico the American troops for the Cuban campaign.

Mr. Alger, the American Minister for War, has informed the Commander-in-chief, General Miles, that the preparations for invading Cuba are yet incomplete, but the Government were expediting the necessary equipment for the troops.

A large percentage of the volunteers have no guns and many have no uniform.

The weather has been very bad in Cuba recently, and it has been raining in torrents, causing violent yellow fever.

It is estimated that the war has already cost America \$12 million dollars.

The British collier *Restorwold* was captured by the Americans while entering Santiago Harbour. The British Consul at Key West has protested against the vessel's detention, owing to Santiago being outside the limits of the proclaimed blockade.

Mr. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the *Times*, denies authoritatively that any negotiations have been made for an Anglo-American alliance, and he also says that there is nothing beyond the remarkable spontaneous and favourable manifestations on the part of the peoples and Press of both nations.

The Spanish barque *Marta Dolores* has been captured at Porto Rico.

Accounts of the fighting at Santiago show that the Americans had twenty ships under Sampson and Schley engaged, but the Navy Department at Washington discredits the reports.

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#### THE LOSS OF THE S.S. "MECCA."

##### A PASSENGER'S EXPERIENCES.

*Apropos of this regrettable occurrence Sergeant Butler, 2nd Staffordshire Regiment, returning to reinforce his regiment in Burma, after the frontier campaign, gives a graphic narrative of his own and Sergeant Hall's experience. After describing the collision pretty much as already telegraphed, he continues:—The Second Engineer came running up, and said "We are sinking. You two soldiers see what you can do to help." We tore the canvas off the boats, and assisted to launch one of them. A lot of natives passengers got into the boat. The Captain then told us to go in her to work her, and also sent the Third Officer. We got down by the rope into the boat, and they handed down to us six women and two children. We cut the falls which had got fouled, and I looked round and saw Sergeant Hall in the water. I was holding the life buoy as a buffer between the boat and the ship. I dropped that, and went to the stern of the boat and pulled him in. I pushed her off with the oar. Some more natives jumped for the boat, nearly upsetting her. Two or three succeeded in getting in. We then searched for and found the tiller, and asked the Third officer to steer, and to give directions what to do. He told us to get out on our own. We did, but could make no way. When we had drifted about a mile away from the *Mecca* she sank. There was a very heavy sea running all the time. The Third Officer then told us to try to get astern. We did so, but after about half an hour the wind carried away the mast. We managed to get into the boat again and set a certain amount of sail by lashing the sprit to the seat. We had up to this been about five hours drifting. We now got the boat under control. Then we discovered we had sprung a leak, and that there was about two feet of water in the boat. The Third Officer told us the boat could not sink as she was a life-boat. We then began to ball. I tried to get the natives to help, but they would not. We got the water under, and about 4 o'clock, after being about nine hours in the boat, we got alongside the *Lindula*. We fouled her propeller, but by the aid of the life-lines towed her to her lee side. They let down lines and a ladder to us. The natives at once rushed to the side of the boat to seize her and capsized her. The *Lindula*'s life-boats were already down and picked up as many as they could, including Sergeant Hall and two women, and the Third Officer, who where clinging to the overturned boat. I had swum to the side of the ship, and the life-boat took me in also. I was too exhausted to climb up. Two more boats arrived after we did.—M. Mall.*

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